

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2008
Francisco Grande Hotel & Resort
26000 W. Gila Bend Highway
Casa Grande, AZ 85222**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Board meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2008, with Chairman Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Bill Feldmeier, Delbert Householder, Bobbie Lundstrom, Bob Montoya, Si Schorr and Felipe Zubia. Also present were Richard Travis, Eileen Collieran, John McGee, Dale Buskirk, Sam Elters, Barclay Dick and Victor Flores. There were approximately 60 people in the audience.

OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE

Chairman Joe Lane led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

Greg Gentsch, Tucson District Engineer, provided an update on projects and issues of regional significance. Eleven projects are underway with a value of more than \$300 million. An additional six projects will begin soon bringing the total to approximately \$400 million. Work on I-10 in the area of Picacho Peak is progressing. SR 347 project paving is completed. A traffic signal is being finished. Installation of another traffic signal is to begin in downtown Maricopa. The interchange of I-10 and I-8 is a major anchor to the ongoing corridor study. Traffic backs up at an interchange at milepost 208 as a result of growth issues. The I-10 project that began one year ago was described. Aerials views were shown.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

(Name unclear on tape), commented that the district engineers are doing a good job and thanked Chairman Lane for his service to the state of Arizona.

Edward Farrell, City of Maricopa, thanked the Board and staff. SR 347 had problems and ADOT improved the quality and safety. The construction on the Old Maricopa Highway and the Queen Creek exit on 347 create a better safety situation coming off of I-10. The partnership and open communication is appreciated.

J.B. Wise, City Councilman, Bullhead City, greeted the Board on behalf of three cities in Mohave County, Lake Havasu, Kingman and Bullhead City. Lake Havasu's mayor presented comments to the Board at the November meeting and a Resolution that was adopted by the City Council of Lake Havasu, Kingman and Bullhead City. This Resolution declared how important transportation is to the three cities. It is our intention to advocate for the interests of northwest Arizona in a time of limited resources. Thank you for the Highway 95 resurfacing project that will be complete in the next three years. Bullhead City council is working hard to accommodate residents and visitors, 400 million strong, and planning for the future. We appreciate your work and believe there is still more to do. I encourage progress toward bettering the resurfacing of Highway 95 through Bullhead City, planning for the alternate highway 95 project and recognizing the important bridge needs that remain between Arizona and Nevada. Packets of information were submitted to the Board.

(Name unclear on tape), expressed appreciation for the working relationship and good projects completed in Graham County. We ask that we keep the 191 south project. There is another section ready to start construction but would like to keep it on the front burner and push it ahead as we try to complete all the sections of the project to tie into I-10. We have been involved in the planning process of the 191 to Highway 70, working with local officials in the Tucson district office, planning for the future growth. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in that process. On behalf of our citizens who travel north each day to Morenci and on behalf of Graham, I express appreciation for improvements to Highway 191 north, the new bridge at Guthrie that is about to begin. On behalf of the agriculture community in Graham County, there are ongoing improvements to the drainage and right-of-way issues along Highway 70. We appreciate the cooperation of ADOT working with farmers in that area. We look forward to the 70 widening project and encourage ADOT to continue to work cooperatively with us and the railway as we look for a way to get the railroad out to the new mine. Thank you to staff in Graham County and to Chairman Lane for your many years of service.

Kelly Anderson, on behalf of the City of Maricopa, said that there is tremendous staff in Tucson. We are involved in the I-10 bypass corridor study and will be willing to support the study. The Board and staff were thanked for work done in Maricopa.

Maria Troutner, resident of Cascabel, spoke to the issue of preserving and protecting the San Pedro River Valley. I am a member of the Cascabel Working Group, a grassroots organization composed of land owners and residents in the San Pedro River Valley who oppose the construction of the interstate highway through the valley and its tributaries. The Cascabel Working Group gathered over 400 signatures and presented those to you at your Oro Valley meeting. I have an additional 50 (presented to Mary Currie, ADOT) which will bring the total to over 500 signatures from people signing them to the following message, "I urge ADOT to support the preservation of open space and the natural and cultural resources in the San Pedro River Valley by rejecting the construction of an I-10 bypass or any other highway through the San Pedro River Valley." We are requesting these additional cards be entered into the record. As State Transportation Board members, you have the power to either destroy an important and unique area of our state or you can write your positive legacy in Arizona history by discontinuing any further study and planning for this particular bypass. Decide in favor of stopping this study and you will grant a gift that will keep on giving to everyone in Arizona and to many others for generations to come.

David Omeck, ten year resident of Cochise County, stated that at last month's meeting, you heard a number of eloquent statements opposing a bypass to the San Pedro Valley. I would like to take a few minutes to put these statements in a geographical context. What we are speaking of is not just the middle San Pedro Valley but a landscape scale of increasingly rare ecological integrity. It is important to understand that the entire area functions as a whole. From Tucson, on its western boundary to Sulfur Spring Valley on its east side, from the Town of San Manuel to the north to the Village of Palmarine in the south, this almost entirely undeveloped area encompasses a land mass one and one half times the size of Rhode Island yet it is home to perhaps 300 people. Its environmental value has long been recognized by private and governmental agencies. Within its boundaries lie a national park, a national forest, three federally designated wilderness areas, one of the Nature Conservancy's largest US preserves and a large and growing number of conservation and archeological easements held by the Nature Conservancy, the Bureau of Land Management and the Center for Desert Archeology. This area contains the highest diversity of mammal species in North America and is also the main flyway for migratory birds in the American west. An interstate highway through the center of this unique and irreplaceable environmental treasure would irrevocably be shattered. I add my voice to the growing numbers of private and governmental agencies and concerned citizens who are asking you to have the wisdom and the foresight to vote against this proposed interstate bypass route.

Bob Evans, resident of Cascabel, San Pedro Valley, about thirty miles north of Benson, spoke in opposition to the I-10 bypass, not just the bypass that might go through San Pedro Valley but all those routes. I believe that the Board has studied the wrong thing for the wrong reasons. Instead of looking for places to build highways for more trucks, perhaps you should be looking for ways to get trucks off the highways. One stated purpose of a bypass is to relieve congestion on I-10 as a passage from Tucson to Phoenix. We now know that the routes that have been proposed will do little to relieve congestion in either of these two cities. Ninety percent of the traffic in these two cities is local and none of the proposed bypass routes will alleviate this problem. Any and all of the proposed routes will lead to urban sprawl which will eventually lead to even greater congestion. The construction of a highway through a large expanse of undeveloped land will bring with it truck stops and other service facilities and these will be followed by housing developments, shopping facilities to serve this population and resulting congestion as this new population, new urban area grows, will lead to the need for bypasses to reduce the congestion off what was once the bypass. Instead of relieving congestion, we are going to increase it and distribute it over a wider area. Is this really something that we want? To build this new highway, ADOT will be using state and federal money, my tax money to promote future urban development and enable urban sprawl. I believe that my tax money should not be used to support private industries which are in the business of building houses and shopping centers in what is now pristine land. The building of these highways and the existence of these highways through time along with the urban development that will come with them will destroy pristine areas, interfere with the wildlife and bring about the dramatic and irreversible reduction in the quality of life of the people who now live along those proposed routes. I applaud ADOT for having the foresight of looking ahead into the future and trying to anticipate the kinds of problems that will face our citizens in twenty to forty years. I do not however believe that the Board should limit its vision to building more highways. Any solution to future transportation problems must include the problem; increase the carrying capacity of I-10 to the maximum possible by widening and double-decking. Increase the use of rail and discourage the use of trucks across the state and find alternatives to the individual automobiles. If you are going to spend money to conduct studies, these are the kinds of things I believe should be studied and not building highways through undeveloped land.

CONSENT AGENDA

Si Schorr recused himself from Items 29, 30, 31 and 32.

Director's Report

Richard Travis provided an up-to-date report regarding current issues and events affecting ADOT. A map was included in the Board packet that indicates the highway system, airports, rest areas and railroads. The Federal Commission has been meeting about funding for the interstate system and state systems; a recommendation was a forty cent increase in the gas tax. That will continue to be a topic to debate. Secretary Peters issued a report that is recommended as a discussion item at the Board's upcoming retreat.

Legislative Report

Eileen Colleran provided an update on State and Federal legislative issues. One of the issues coming up in Congress is President Bush has looked at funding earmarks in all of the appropriations bills that have been heard. We will see something coming from the White House as an Executive Order or in the State of the Union speech. Any earmarks for Arizona including the Hoover Dam could be affected. The FAA Reauthorization word is that they should take this up in earnest in the next session. We are waiting for the Senate Committee to finalize their bill and get it to the floor at which point the House and Senate will have a Conference Committee. The SAFETEA-LU Technical Correction Bill is not moving. Mr. Feldmeier requested that we look at a federal concept called Complete Streets that ensures that state's can

construct new roadways or rehabilitate existing facilities to accommodate all users such as bicycles, pedestrians, transit, cars, etc. An energy bill recently signed by the President does contain that all state DOT's should be using a Complete Street policy for how they develop roadways. A couple bills were introduced in Congress and have not yet had hearings. Those bills would require USDOT to reduce funding by two percent on highways and planning to state's that do not have a policy of using the Complete Street design. This impact is being reviewed. At the state level, the FY '08 budget hearings are ongoing. The FY '09 budget hearings begin next week. There are bills of interest that have not yet been scheduled for hearings. HB2049, ADOT Rules Revision, removes the requirement to do rules on a number of different areas. HB2133, Transportation Districts, are for counties that reach populations of 500,000 or more to become their own transportation district. HCR2001, Highway User Revenue Fee Uses, is a resolution that would extend the HURF use from highways and streets to transportation. SB1020, VLT Exemption, exempts seniors from having to pay VLT tax. SB1039, Transportation HOV Hours, increases the hours in the HOV lane. SB1041, Transportation HOV Lane Hybrids, allows for a hybrid vehicle with at least 45 percent fuel efficiency to use the HOV lane and SB1042, Transportation Private Toll Road, is a requirement for the Department to issue a request for proposal for a private entity to construct a toll road between the 303 and Prescott.

Financial Report

John McGee provided summary reports on revenue collections for Highway User Revenues and Maricopa Transportation Excise Tax Revenues, comparing fiscal year results to last year's actuals and forecasts, and reported on interest earnings, HELP Fund status, and other financial information relative to the Board and Department. HURF collections for the month of December totaled \$116.5 million, an increase of 0.1 percent over December 2006 but 4.3 percent below the estimate. Year-to-date collections total \$667.4 million, an increase of 0.1 percent over the same time period last year but 3.7 percent below the forecast. Every category is performing under the estimate this year from -0.1 percent for Gas Tax to -9.9 percent for Motor Carrier. Unless there is a quick turnaround in the economy, there is a real possibility that the fiscal year 2008 results will be close to or below 2007 results. RARF collections for the month of November totaled \$31.3 million, a decrease of 4.1 percent from November 2006 and 4.4 percent under the estimate. Year-to-date collections total \$159.1 million, a decrease of 0.1 percent from the same period last year and 2.5 percent below the estimate. Since the original half-cent sales tax in Maricopa County was passed, there has not been a year with a full year of collections that was below the prior year. Retail Sales and Contracting are below last year's results. Every category except Contracting and Rental of Real Property is below forecast. The Investment Report during the month of December indicates earnings of \$6.07 million on investments for an average of 4.61 percent yield. Year-to-date earnings stand at \$29.9 million for an average yield of 4.78 percent. The HELP fund balance for the month of December is \$98.8 million, an increase of approximately \$6.8 million as a result of loan repayments and interest earnings. The Board has previously approved future loans to cities and counties totaling \$76.5 million that have yet to be funded.

Financing Program

John McGee provided an update on financing issues affecting the Board and the Department, including HURF and RARF Bonding, GAN issuances and Board Funding Obligations. On January 8, the \$68 million Issue for the I-10 to 101 Sarival Project closed. The project has been awarded. Victor Flores was introduced.

State Transportation Board Meeting Schedule for 2009

Minutes – Approval

Board Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2007

**2008 Draft Board Meeting & Public Hearing Dates and Locations.
Study Sessions to be scheduled as needed.**

Month	Date	Location	Function
January	18	Casa Grande	Board Meeting
January	24-25	Nogales	Retreat
February	15	Phoenix	Board Meeting
March	21	Tucson	Board Meeting & Public Hearing
April	18	MAG/Phoenix	MAG/ADOT Public Hearing & Board Meeting
May	16	Flagstaff	Board Meeting & Public Hearing
June	20	Nogales	Board Meeting
July	18	Prescott Valley	Board Meeting
August	15	Pinetop	Board Meeting
September	19	Grand Canyon	Board meeting
October	17	Wickenburg	Board Meeting
November	14	Yuma	Board Meeting
December	19	Tucson	Board Meeting

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 6, 7 and 8 was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)

FY 2008 – 2012 Transportation Facilities Construction Program - Requested Modifications

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 125.0
COUNTY: La Paz
SCHEDULE: FY 2008
SECTION: At MP 125
TYPE OF WORK: Design of passing lane
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$200,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Fakhradin Hakari
PROJECT: Item# 10207
REQUESTED ACTION: Request to delete project from the
FY 2008 Highway Construction
Program. **Transfer funds to the
FY 2008 Statewide Contingency
Fund #72308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:

\$00

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 128.9
 COUNTY: Yuma
 SCHEDULE: FY 2010
 SECTION: South of Bouse Wash
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct passing lanes
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,100,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Fakhradin Hakari
 PROJECT: H675701C, Item# 14410
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the passing lane project
 by \$700,000 to \$1,800,000 in the
 FY 2010 Highway Construction
 Program. **See funding sources
 below.**
 FY 2010 TOC Passing Lane Fund #12710 \$500,000
 FY 2008 Statewide Contingency Fund #72308 \$200,000
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,800,000

ROUTE NO: SR 85 @ MP 130.71
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008
 SECTION: MP 130.71 to MP 137.0
 TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct roadway
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$20,900,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
 PROJECT: H595507C, Item# 13306
 JPA: 07-146I with the Arizona Open
 Land Trust
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the construction project
 by \$6,100,000 to \$27,000,000 in
 the FY 2008 Highway
 Construction Program. **Funds are
 available from the FY 2008 RTP
 Cash Flow.**
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$27,000,000

ROUTE NO: Regional Freeway System
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
 SECTION: Phoenix Freeways, Travel times
 on Dynamic Message Signs
 (DMS)
 TYPE OF WORK: Posting times on Dyanmic
 Message Signs
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
 PROJECT MANAGER: Scott Nodes
 PROJECT: N/A
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new message sign
 project in the FY 2008 Highway
 Construction Program. **See
 funding sources below.**

FY 2008 RTP Cash Flow	\$300,000
FY 2008 District Minor Fund	\$120,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 420,000

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 350.0
 COUNTY: Cochise
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
 SECTION: Willcox to New Mexico State
 Line
 TYPE OF WORK: Sign rehabilitation
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
 PROJECT MANAGER: Mona Aglan
 PROJECT: H701001C
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new sign
 rehabilitation project in the FY
 2008 Highway Construction
 Program. **See funding sources
 below.**

FY 2008 Sign Rehabilitation Fund #78308	\$2,250,000
FY 2008 Port of Entry Fund #74308	\$180,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,430,000

ROUTE NO: SR 69 @ MP 267.35
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
SECTION: Big Bug #1 to Big Bug #4
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Nazar Nabaty
PROJECT: H703401C
JPA: JPA 07-064-I with Yavapai County
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pavement
preservation project in the FY
2008 Highway Construction
Program. **See funding sources
below.**

FY 2008 Pavement Preservation #72508	\$4,470,000
FY 2008 District Minor Fund #73308	\$80,000
JPA 07-064-I with Yavapai County	\$80,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,630,000

ROUTE NO: I-40 @ MP 144.4
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
SECTION: Ash Fork (EB and WB)
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Julia Ros Mendoza
PROJECT: H683301C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pavement
preservation project in the FY
2008 Highway Construction
Program. **See funding sources
below.**

FY 2008 Pavement Preservation #72508	\$3,244,000
FY 2008 Bridge Inspection and Repair Fund #71408	\$356,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,600,000

ROUTE NO: SR 89A @ MP 390.0
COUNTY: Coconino
SCHEDULE: FY 2007
SECTION: Scenic Outlook to Fort Tuthill
TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct existing Right of Way
Fencing
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$722,000
PROJECT MANAGER: George Wallace
PROJECT: H678301C, Item# 22607
REQUESTED ACTION: Decrease the fencing project by
\$302,000 to \$420,000 in the
Highway Construction Program.
**Funds will be returned to the
FY 2008 District Minor Fund
#73308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$420,000

ROUTE NO: SR 64 @ MP 186.0
COUNTY: Coconino
SCHEDULE: FY 2007
SECTION: Junction I-40
TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct existing Right of Way
Fencing
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$923,000
PROJECT MANAGER: George Wallace
PROJECT: H678401C, Item# 22507
REQUESTED ACTION: Decrease the fencing project by
\$414,000 to \$509,000 in the
Highway Construction Program.
**Funds will be returned to the
FY 2008 District Minor Fund
#73308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$509,000

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 42
COUNTY: Mohave
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
SECTION: Pierce Ferry
TYPE OF WORK: Install intersection lighting
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Mohamed Youssef / Yow-Shi Ho
PROJECT: H685501C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new lighting project in
the FY 2008 Highway
Construction Program. **Funds are
available from the FY 2008
Traffic Engineering Fund
#71208.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$65,000

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 101.8
COUNTY: Mohave
SCHEDULE: FY 2008
SECTION: Antelope Wash
TYPE OF WORK: Design new roadway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,600,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Doescher
PROJECT: H738801D, Item# 13208
REQUESTED ACTION: Delete the design project from the
FY 2008 Highway Construction
Program. **Transfer funds to the
FY 2008 Statewide Contingency
Fund #72308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$00

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 113.0
COUNTY: Mohave
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
SECTION: SB Deluge Wash
TYPE OF WORK: Design parallel roadway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Doescher
PROJECT: H743801D
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project in
the FY 2008 Highway
Construction Program. **Funds are
available from the Statewide
Contingency Fund #72308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$600,000

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 108.9
COUNTY: Mohave
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
SECTION: SB Wagon Bow Ranch
TYPE OF WORK: Design parallel roadway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Doescher
PROJECT: H743901D
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project in
the FY 2008 Highway
Construction Program. **Funds are
available from the Statewide
Contingency Fund #72308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 320.0
COUNTY: Navajo
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request
SECTION: At MP 320
TYPE OF WORK: Install concrete barrier
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Aman Mathur
PROJECT: H710101C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new concrete barrier
project in the FY 2008 Highway
Construction Program. **Funds
are available from the FY 2008
District Minor Fund #73308.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$240,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22
was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

FY 2008-2012 Airport Development Program – Requested Modifications

AIRPORT NAME: Colorado City Municipal
SPONSOR: Town of Colorado City
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 - 2012
PROJECT #: E8F94
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Update Master Plan Study
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$100,000
	Sponsor	\$2,631
	State	\$2,632
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$105,263

AIRPORT NAME: Nogales International
SPONSOR: Santa Cruz County
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012
PROJECT #: E8S95
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Rotating Beacon
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$0
	Sponsor	\$687
	State	\$6,185
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$6,872

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 23 and 24 was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Lundstrom and passed unanimously.

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- Minutes of PPAC Meeting on January 2, 2008
- Summary of Approved Changes to the FY 2008 - 2012 Highway Construction Program
- Highway Program Monitoring Report

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

*	RES. NO:	2008-01-A-001
	PROJECT:	I-17-2-806 / 017YV293H412301R
	HIGHWAY:	CORDES JUNCTION - FLAGSTAFF
	SECTION:	McGuireville T.I.
	ROUTE NO.	Interstate Route 17
	ENG. DIST.	Prescott
	COUNTY:	Yavapai
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish right of way as a state route to improve traffic operations of the interchange and to enhance safety for the traveling public
*	RES. NO:	2008-01-A-002
	PROJECT:	074MA020H691201R
	HIGHWAY:	MORRISTOWN – NEW RIVER
	SECTION:	MP. 20 – MP. 22
	ROUTE NO.	State Route 74
	ENG. DIST.	Phoenix and Prescott
	COUNTY:	Maricopa
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish right of way as a state route for improvements to enhance safety for the traveling public

STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sam Elters reported on construction and projects completed in December, 2007. Progress on the Rest Area task was reported. The consultant reviewed the AG's opinion identifying four different areas that would need addressed in any proposed legislation. The proposed action plan discussed at the last Board meeting is to proceed simultaneously, identify proposed language regarding legislation and complete an assessment plan that identifies specific sites that the Board may wish to consider. The timeline to complete the two tasks would be late summer, early fall. An understanding that legislation has been or will be introduced regarding private public partnerships, that legislation may provide the necessary language to enable implementation of the Board's plan. Once the site assessment plan is complete and the proposed legislation is identified, that can be compared to current legislation to determine if that will enable implementation when the plan is ready. If not, legislative language can be proposed for next year. There are 96 projects under construction for a total of nearly \$1.1 billion. Ten projects were finalized in the month of December for approximately \$21 million. Fiscal year-do-date the Department finalized 56 projects.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Interstate Federal-Aid ("A" "B") projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations; other projects are subject to FHWA and/or local government concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations)

* BIDS OPENED: December 13
 HIGHWAY: BENSON-STEINS PASS HIGHWAY (I-10)
 SECTION: Luzena-Bowie (WB)
 COUNTY: Cochise
 ROUTE NO.: I-10
 PROJECT: IM-010-F(200)A 010 CH 356 H656601C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. DBA
 Southwest Asphalt Paving
 AMOUNT: \$ 2,845,763.30
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 3,259,728.00
 \$ UNDER: \$ 413,964.70
 % UNDER: 12.7%
 NO. BIDDERS: 6
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Amendments to the State Transportation Board Agenda are as follows:

CHANGE TO AGENDA

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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* BIDS OPENED: December 13
 HIGHWAY: TOPOCK-KINGMAN HIGHWAY (I-40)
 SECTION: Lake Havasu TI – Milepost 21 (WB)
 COUNTY: Mohave
 ROUTE NO.: I-40
 PROJECT: 040-A(200)A 040 MO 008 H656901C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: FNF Construction, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 5,645,084.96
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 5,993,506.00
 \$ UNDER: \$ 348,421.04
 % UNDER: 5.8%
 NO. BIDDERS: 8
 RECOMMENDATION: **AWARD**

Interstate Federal Aid ("N") required FHWA concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations

BIDS OPENED: December 20
HIGHWAY: PHOENIX-CORDES JUNCTION HIGHWAY (I-17)
SECTION: Jomax Road – SR 74 (Carefree Highway)
COUNTY: Maricopa
ROUTE NO.: I-17
PROJECT: IM-017-A(203)N 017 MA 218 H706101C
FUNDING: 86% Federal 14% State
LOW BIDDER: Pulice Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 74,381,601.11
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 92,256,966.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 17,875,364.89
% UNDER: 19.4%
NO. BIDDERS: 4
RECOMMENDATION: **AWARD**

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Zubia, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

Non-Interstate Non-Federal Aid

* BIDS OPENED: December 13
HIGHWAY: I -10, SR 143, AND SR 101L
SECTION: Various Regional Freeways
COUNTY: Maricopa
ROUTE NO.: N/A
PROJECT: 888-A-NFA 888 MA 000 H708201C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. DBA
Southwest Asphalt Paving
AMOUNT: \$ 5,768,733.70
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 6,200,017.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 431,283.30
% UNDER: 7.0%
NO. BIDDERS: 4
RECOMMENDATION: **AWARD**

BIDS OPENED: December 13
HIGHWAY: STATE PARKS
SECTION: Roper Lake State Park
COUNTY: Graham
ROUTE NO.: SR 191
PROJECT: U-191-A-504 191 GH 118 H684401C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Grey Mountain Construction, LLC
AMOUNT: \$ 1,014,735.00
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,084,975.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 70,240.00
% UNDER: 6.5%
NO. BIDDERS: 10
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to hold Item 33 was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

Comments and Suggestions

Board Members had the opportunity to suggest items they would like to have placed on future Board Meeting Agendas.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

Reorganization

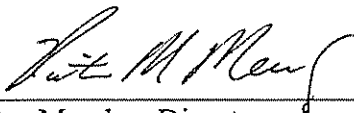
Selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman (in accordance with A.R.S., Section 28 – 303 (B)). The Statute was described by Joe Acosta. Mr. Schorr will serve as Chairman and Mr. Householder will serve as Vice Chairman.

Board Action: A motion to approve the above was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Zubia and passed unanimously.

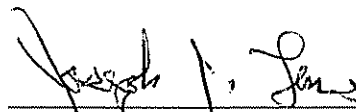
ADJOURN

Board Action: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation



Joe Lane, Chairman
State Transportation Board

*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.